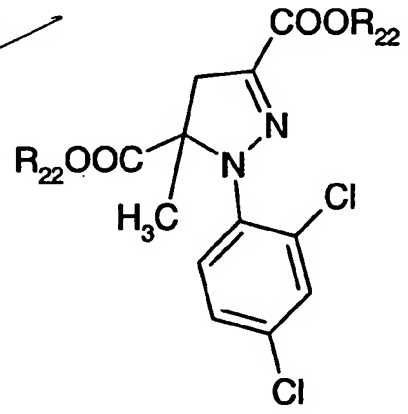
C_5alkylcarbonylamino-C_1-C_5alkyl, C_1-C_5alkylcarbonyl-(C_1-C_5-alkyl)-amino-C_1-C_5alkyl, tri(C_1- or C_2-alkyl)silyl-C_1-C_5alkyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, phenyl-C_1-C_5alkyl, heteroaryl-C_1-C_5alkyl, phenoxy-C_1-C_5alkyl or heteroaryloxy-C_1-C_5alkyl, wherein the afore-mentioned aromatic rings may be substituted by halogen, nitro, cyano, amino, di(C_1-C_4alkyl)amino, hydroxy, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, carboxyl, C_1-C_5alkoxycarbonyl or by C_1- or C_2-haloalkyl;

R_{34}, R_{35} and R_{36} are, in addition, C_1-C_{10}alkoxy, C_1-C_{10}haloalkoxy, C_1-C_5alkylamino, di(C_1-C_5-alkyl)amino, benzyloxy or phenoxy, wherein the aromatic rings of the last two substituents may be substituted by halogen, nitro, cyano, amino, dimethylamino, hydroxy, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, carboxyl, C_1-C_5alkoxycarbonyl or by C_1- or C_2-haloalkyl; and

R_{37} is, in addition, C_1-C_{10}alkylcarbonyl,

or a salt or diastereoisomer of a compound of formula I, and

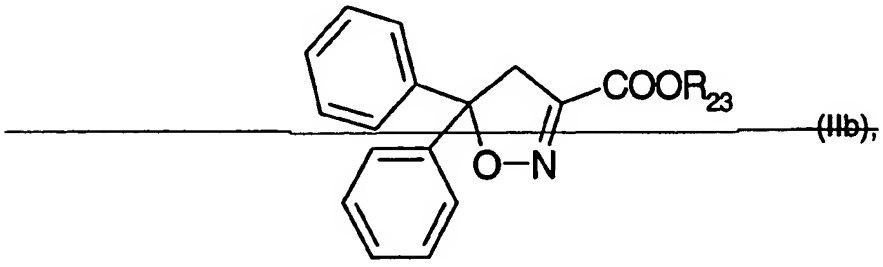
b) an amount, which is effective for antagonism of the herbicide, of a safener of formula IIa



(IIa),

wherein

R_{22} is hydrogen, or an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, sulfonium or ammonium cation, or ethyl, ~~or of formula IIb~~

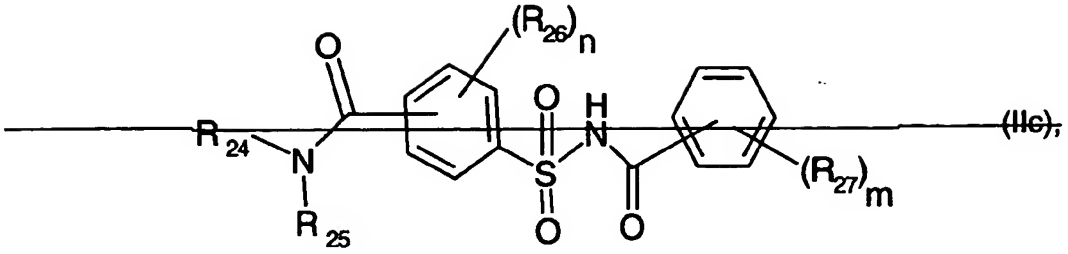


~~(IIb),~~

~~wherein~~

~~R_{23} is hydrogen, or an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, sulfonium or ammonium cation, or ethyl,~~

~~or of formula IIc~~



~~(IIc),~~

~~wherein~~

~~R_{24} and R_{25} are, each independently of the other, hydrogen, C_1-C_6alkyl, C_2-C_6alkenyl, C_2-C_6alkynyl or C_3-C_6cycloalkyl;~~

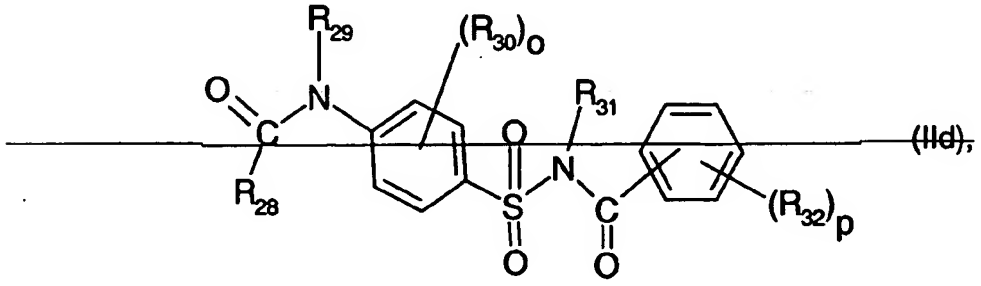
~~R_{26} is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_6haloalkyl or C_1-C_6haloalkoxy; or the radicals R_{26} are, each independently of the other(s), hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_6haloalkyl or C_1-C_6haloalkoxy;~~

~~R_{27} is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4haloalkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy, C_1-C_4haloalkoxy, C_1-C_4-alkylthio, C_1-C_4alkoxycarbonyl or nitro; or the radicals R_{27} are, each independently of the other, hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4haloalkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy, C_1-C_4haloalkoxy, C_1-C_4-alkylthio, C_1-C_4alkoxycarbonyl or nitro;~~

~~n is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and~~

~~m is 1 or 2,~~

~~or of formula IId~~



~~(IId),~~

~~wherein~~

~~R_{28} is hydrogen, C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, C_1-C_6alkylthio, C_3-C_8cycloalkyl, phenyl, phenyl-C_1-C_6alkyl or heteroaryl, wherein the afore-mentioned hydrocarbon radicals may be~~

~~substituted by halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxy, carboxyl, formyl, carbonamide or by sulfonamide;~~

~~R_{29} is hydrogen, C_1-C_6alkyl or C_1-C_4haloalkyl;~~

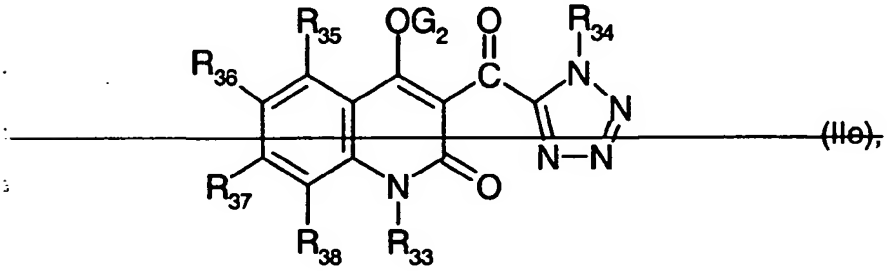
~~R_{30} is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4haloalkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy, C_1-C_4alkylthio, C_1-C_4alkylsulfonyl, cyano, nitro, formyl or carboxyl; or the radicals R_{30} are, each independently of the other, hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4haloalkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy, C_1-C_4alkylthio, C_1-C_4alkylsulfonyl, cyano, nitro, formyl or carboxyl;~~

~~R_{31} is hydrogen, C_1-C_6alkyl or C_1-C_4haloalkyl;~~

~~R_{32} is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4haloalkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy, C_1-C_4alkylthio, C_1-C_4alkylsulfonyl, cyano, nitro, formyl or carboxyl; or the radicals R_{32} are, each independently of the other, hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4haloalkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy, C_1-C_4alkylthio, C_1-C_4alkylsulfonyl, cyano, nitro, formyl or carboxyl; and~~

~~o and p are, each independently of the other, 0, 1 or 2,~~

~~or of formula IIe~~



~~(IIe),~~

~~wherein~~

~~G_2 is hydrogen, formyl, C_1-C_6alkylcarbonyl, C_2-C_6alkenylcarbonyl, C_2-C_6alkynylcarbonyl, C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonyl, (C_1-C_6alkylthio)carbonyl, C_3-C_8cycloalkylcarbonyl, phenyl-C_1-C_6alkylcarbonyl, phenylcarbonyl, C_1-C_6alkylsulfonyl, C_2-C_6alkenylsulfonyl or phenylsulfonyl, wherein the afore-mentioned hydrocarbon radicals may be substituted by halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, methoxy, ethoxy or by phenyl;~~

~~R_{33} is hydrogen, C_1-C_6alkyl, C_2-C_6alkenyl, C_2-C_6alkynyl, C_3-C_8cycloalkyl, formyl, C_1-C_6alkylcarbonyl, C_2-C_6alkenylcarbonyl, C_2-C_6alkynylcarbonyl, C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonyl, (C_1-C_6alkylthio)carbonyl, C_3-C_8cycloalkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_6alkylsulfonyl, C_2-C_6alkenylsulfonyl or phenylsulfonyl, wherein the afore-mentioned hydrocarbon radicals may be substituted by halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, methoxy, ethoxy or by phenyl;~~

~~R_{34} is hydrogen, C_1-C_6alkyl, C_2-C_6alkenyl, C_2-C_6alkynyl, C_3-C_8cycloalkyl, formyl, C_1-C_6alkylcarbonyl, C_2-C_6alkenylcarbonyl, C_2-C_6alkynylcarbonyl, C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonyl, (C_1-~~

~~C_6alkylthio)carbonyl, C_3-C_8cycloalkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_6alkylsulfonyl, C_2-C_6alkenylsulfonyl or phenylsulfonyl, wherein the afore-mentioned hydrocarbon radicals may be substituted by halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, methoxy, ethoxy or by phenyl;~~

~~R_{35}, R_{36}, R_{37} and R_{38} are, each independently of the others, hydrogen, halogen, amino, C_1-C_3alkylamino, di(C_1-C_3alkyl)amino, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, formyl, carboxyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, C_1-C_6haloalkoxy, C_1-C_6alkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6haloalkyl, C_2-C_6alkenyl or C_2-C_6alkynyl; or~~

~~R_{38} and R_{33}, together with the ring atoms to which they are bonded, form a five- or six-membered saturated or unsaturated ring that contains up to 2 identical or different hetero atoms selected from the group oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and that may be interrupted by a -C(O)- radical.~~

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1, which comprises as active ingredient a mixture of a) a herbicidally effective amount of a herbicide of formula I, wherein

R_1, R_3, R_4, R_5 and G are as defined in claim 1, and

b) an amount, which is effective for antagonism of the herbicide, of a safener of formula IIa, wherein

R_{22} is as defined in claim 1 for formula IIa ;

~~or of formula IIb, wherein~~

~~R_{23} is as defined in claim 1 for formula IIb,~~

~~or of formula IIc, wherein~~

~~R_{24} and R_{25} are, each independently of the other, hydrogen, C_1-C_6alkyl, C_2-C_6alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl or C_3-C_6cycloalkyl;~~

~~R_{26} is halogen, C_1-C_4alkyl or C_1-C_4haloalkyl;~~

~~R_{27} is halogen, C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4haloalkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy, C_1-C_4alkylthio, C_1-C_4alkoxycarbonyl or nitro;~~

~~n is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and~~

~~m is 1 or 2.~~

Claim 3. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein R_1 and R_3 in the compounds of formula I are, each independently of the other, ethyl, haloethyl, ethynyl, C_1- or C_2-alkoxy or C_1- or C_2-haloalkoxy.

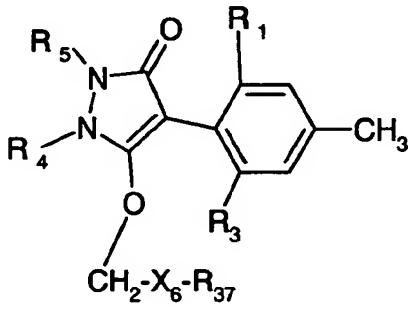
Claim 4. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein R_4 and R_5 in the compounds of formula I together form a group Z_2 $-CR_{14}(R_{15})-CR_{16}(R_{17})-O-CR_{18}(R_{19})-CR_{20}(R_{21})-$ (Z_2), wherein R_{14}, R_{15}, R_{16}, R_{17}, R_{18}, R_{19}, R_{20} and R_{21} are hydrogen.

Claim 5. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein G in the compounds of formula I is hydrogen, $-C(X_1)-R_{30}$, $-C(X_2)-X_3-R_{31}$, $-C(X_4)-NR_{32}(R_{33})$, $-S(O)_2-R_{34}$, $-P(X_5)R_{35}R_{36}$, $-CH_2-X_6-R_{37}$ or an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, sulfonium or ammonium cation; X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4 , X_5 and X_6 are, each independently of the others, oxygen or sulfur; R_{30}, R_{31}, R_{32}, R_{33}, R_{34}, R_{35}, R_{36} and R_{37} are, each independently of the others, hydrogen, C_1-C_8alkyl, C_1-C_8haloalkyl, C_1-C_8cyanoalkyl, C_1-C_8nitroalkyl, C_1-C_8aminoalkyl, C_2-C_5alkenyl, C_2-C_5haloalkenyl, C_3-C_8cycloalkyl, C_1-C_5alkylamino-C_1-C_2alkyl, di(C_1-C_5alkyl)amino-C_1-C_2alkyl, C_3-C_7cycloalkyl-C_1-C_2alkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy-C_1-C_4alkyl, C_2-C_4alkenyloxy-C_1-C_4alkyl, C_3-C_4alkynyloxy-C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4alkylthio-C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_2alkylsulfoxy-C_1-C_2alkyl, C_1-C_2alkylsulfonyl-C_1-C_2alkyl, C_2-C_8alkylideneaminooxy-C_1-C_2-alkyl, C_1-C_5alkylcarbonyl-C_1-C_2alkyl, C_1-C_5alkoxycarbonyl-C_1-C_2alkyl, C_1-C_5alkylamino-carbonyl-C_1-C_2alkyl, di(C_1-C_4alkyl)aminocarbonyl-C_1-C_2alkyl, C_1-C_5alkylcarbonylamino-C_1-C_2alkyl, C_1-C_2alkylcarbonyl-(C_1-C_3alkyl)-amino-C_1-C_2alkyl, tri(C_1- or C_2-alkyl)silyl-C_1-C_3-alkyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, phenyl-C_1-C_2alkyl, heteroaryl-C_1-C_2alkyl, phenoxy-C_1-C_2alkyl or heteroaryloxy-C_1-C_2alkyl; R_{34}, R_{35} and R_{36} are, in addition, C_1-C_6alkoxy, C_1-C_6haloalkoxy, C_1-C_3alkylamino, di(C_1-C_3alkyl)amino, benzyloxy or phenoxy, wherein the aromatic rings of the last two substituents may be substituted by halogen, nitro, cyano, amino, dimethylamino, hydroxy, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, carboxyl, C_1-C_5alkoxycarbonyl or by C_1- or C_2-haloalkyl; and
R_{37} is, in addition, C_1-C_8alkylcarbonyl.

Claim 6. (Original) A composition according to claim 5, wherein G is hydrogen, $-C(X_1)-R_{30}$, $-C(X_2)-X_3-R_{31}$, $-C(X_4)-NR_{32}(R_{33})$, $-S(O)_2-R_{34}$, $-P(X_5)R_{35}R_{36}$, $-CH_2-X_6-R_{37}$ or an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, sulfonium or ammonium cation; X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4 , X_5 and X_6 are, each

independently of the others, oxygen or sulfur; R_{30}, R_{31}, R_{32}, R_{33}, R_{34}, R_{35}, R_{36} and R_{37} are, each independently of the others, hydrogen, C_1-C_8alkyl, C_1-C_8haloalkyl, C_2-C_5alkenyl, C_2-C_5haloalkenyl, C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl, C_3-C_7cycloalkyl-C_1-C_2alkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy-C_1-C_4alkyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, phenyl-C_1-C_2alkyl, heteroaryl-C_1-C_2alkyl, phenoxy-C_1-C_2alkyl or heteroaryloxy-C_1-C_2alkyl; R_{34}, R_{35} and R_{36} are, in addition, C_1-C_6alkoxy, C_1-C_3alkylamino or di(C_1-C_3alkyl)amino; and R_{37} is, in addition, C_1-C_8alkylcarbonyl.

Claim 7. (Original) A compound of formula Ia



(Ia)

wherein R_1, R_3, R_4, R_5, R_{37} and X_6 are as defined in claim 1.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) A method of selectively controlling weeds and grasses in crops of useful plants, which comprises treating the useful plants, their seeds or seedlings or the crop area thereof with, simultaneously or separately, a) a herbicidally effective amount of a herbicide of formula I, b) an amount, which is effective for antagonism of the herbicide, of a safener of formula IIa and, optionally, c) an additive comprising an oil of vegetable origin or an alkylated derivative thereof, or a mineral oil or a mixture thereof.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 8, which comprises treating crops of useful plants or crop areas for crops of useful plants with from 0.001 to 2 kg/ha of a herbicide of formula I and an amount of from 0.001 to 0.5 kg/ha of a safener of formula IIa.

Claim 10. (Original) A method according to claim 8, wherein the crops of useful plants are cereals, maize and sorghum.

Claim 11. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, which also comprises, in addition to the formulation adjuvants, an oil additive in the form of a vegetable oil concentrate consisting of the 4 components (A) from 20 to 90 % by weight of an alkyl ester of a higher fatty acid (C_4-C_{22}), (B) from 4 to 40 % by weight of an anionic surfactant, (C) from 2 to 20 % by weight of a higher fatty acid (C_{10}-C_{20}), and (D) up to 140 % by weight, based on the total amount of components (A) to (C), of a hydrocarbon.

Claim 12. (Original) A composition according to claim 11, wherein (A) is a C_1-C_4alkyl ester of a C_{12}-C_{18} fatty acid, (B) is an anionic surfactant of the dodecylbenzylsulfonate type, (C) is a C_{12}-C_{18} fatty acid, and (D) is an aromatic hydrocarbon.